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REMARKS

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1. On 12 April 1953, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by about 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport and tank insignia. the occupation strength to have dropped by about 100 men prior to 12 April, as small details were seen to have left by rail. Troops practiced firing with armored vehicles in the barracks area and in the billeting area and engaged in combat practice in the area east of Taucha and in firing practice, predominantly with submachine guns. Two 2-axle armored personnel carriers, 2 three-axle, armored personnel carriers and armored scout cars newly identified. in traffic to and from the installation.

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2. At 4 p.m. on 1 April, 3 T-44 tanks, 1 motorcycle with sidecar, and 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were loaded onto flatcars and 1 boxcar at the Taucha railroad station and dispatched toward Leipzig-Engelsdorf. The loading operation was supervised by 2 majors wearing tank insignia and one of whom belonged to the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick. On 4 April, 10 tons of military goods were unloaded at the Taucha railroad station after they had come from the direction of Dresden-Neustadt.

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3. After 3 p.m. on 18 April, 2 T-44 tanks, 3 T-34/85 tanks, 8 armored scout cars, 5 BA-64 armored scout cars, 70 motorcycles, 4 AT guns and trucks and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia were loaded at the Taucha railroad station. The train pulled out toward Leipzig at 2:40 p.m. on 19 April. At 3 p.m. on 19 April, there were loaded at the Taucha railroad station 200 to 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including some with tank insignia, 1 armored scout car, armored scout car and trucks, billeting equipment and ammunition. The train left toward Leipzig at 1:30 p.m. on 20 April.

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4. On 30 March, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by about 1,000 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank insignia. Four T-43 tanks and about 200 men engaged in practice with small arms in trenches and foxholes were seen on the training grounds east of the barracks installation.

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5. On 4 April, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 1,500 troops. All quarters were lighted at dusk. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. In the morning of 1 April, 600 to 800 troops assembled in the barracks yard. From 40 to 50 officers stood near a platform. T-34/85 tank stood in the billeting area.

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6. On 17 April, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 1,000 to 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia and 3 uniformed women. The installation was 75 percent lighted at dusk. Soldiers in groups each of about 30 men practiced in the billeting area, engaged in close-order drill and firing with live ammunition in the wooded area near Bienitz. Other soldiers received telephone instruction or were at physical exercises. A 132-mm rocket launcher was seen in the billeting area. At about 9:45 a.m. on 6 April, 1 armored personnel carrier drove from Bienitz toward the installation. Rocket launcher occupied by 8 soldiers with artillery insignia left the installation toward Bienitz on 14 April.

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1. Comment. After the loading of 25 armored scout cars and 70 motorcycles, the 8th Gds Mtrcl Bn of the 8th Gds Mecz Div can be carried in the barracks installation of Leipzig-Heiterblick. The battalion was previously assumed to be stationed in Wurzen in October 1952. The shipments are believed to have been bound for Koenigsbrueck where other elements of the division from Wurzen and Leisnig arrived previously.

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2. Comment. As to the occupation of the Flak Kaserne in Schoenau, indications as to the 94th RL Regt of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps are available only. Loadings of elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed there have so far not been reported.

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